

Senate Bill 100
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Presented by Chas Van Genderen
Senate Taxation Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Chas Van Genderen, Administrator of the Parks Division of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I am here in opposition of Senate Bill 100.

As indicated in the fiscal note, Montana State Parks would see a loss of between \$800,000 and \$900,000 in funding from the coal tax trust each biennium. This would have a significant impact on parks overall. These monies are used throughout the system at sites such as Travelers' Rest, Lone Pine, or Bannack State Park to give tours to school groups and take care of tasks like building maintenance and custodial work.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.